The birds of the Loma Mountains, Sierra Leone

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Les oiseaux des Monts Loma, Sierra Leone. En 18 jours de travaux sur le terrain dans les Monts Loma, au nord-est de la Sierra Leone, du 14 février au 2 mars 2008, nous avons recensé 257 espèces d'oiseaux. En prenant en compte les mentions publiées précédemment, le nombre total des espèces d'oiseaux connues du site, qui est une Zone d'Importance pour la Conservation des Oiseaux, est à présent de 339, ou plus de 50% des espèces enregistrées dans le pays entier. Parmi celles-ci, une est Menacée d'extinction (le Vautour charognard Necrosyrtes monachus), sept sont classées comme Vulnérables (l'Aigle martial Polemaetus bellicosus, la Chouette-pêcheuse rousse Scotopelia ussheri, le Calao à joues brunes Bycanistes cylindricus, le Calao à casque jaune Ceratogymna elata, le Bulbul à barbe jaune Criniger olivaceus, la Prinia du Sierra Leone Schistolais leontica et le Picatharte de Guinée Picathartes gymnocephalus), sept comme Quasi menacées et une comme Insuffisamment connue. Neuf des 16 espèces confinées à la Zone d'Endémisme d'Oiseaux de la forêt de Haute Guinée sont présentes et 123 (ou 73%) des 168 espèces du biome des forêts guinéo-congolaises connues de Sierra Leone. Le site, qui avait été désigné comme réserve forestière (avec chasse interdite) en 1952, est devenu un parc national en décembre 2013 et supporte toujours des étendues relativement importantes d'habitat intact, devenu rare ailleurs en Afrique de l'Ouest.

Summary. During 18 days of field work in the Loma Mountains, in north-east Sierra Leone, between 14 February and 2 March 2008, 257 bird species were recorded. With previous records, this brings the total number of bird species known from the site, which qualifies as an Important Bird Area, to 339, i.e. more than 50% of the species recorded in the whole of the country. Of these, one is Endangered (Hooded Vulture Necrosyrtes monachus), seven are classified as Vulnerable (Martial Eagle Polemaetus bellicosus, Rufous Fishing Owl Scotopelia ussheri, Brown-cheeked Hornbill Bycanistes cylindricus, Yellow-casqued Hornbill Ceratogymna elata, Yellow-bearded Greenbul Criniger olivaceus, Sierra Leone Prinia Schistolais leontica and Yellow-headed Picathartes Picathartes gymnocephalus), seven as Near Threatened and one as Data Deficient, Nine of the 16 species restricted to the Upper Guinea forests Endemic Bird Area occur and 123 (or 73%) of the 168 Guinea-Congo Forests biome species recorded in Sierra Leone. The site, which was designated a non-hunting forest reserve in 1952, became a national park in December 2013 and still holds relatively large tracts of undisturbed habitat, which is rare elsewhere in West Africa.

The Loma Mountains, located in the mountainous north-east of Sierra Leone, support some of the rarest bird species in the country and have been recognized as an Important Bird Area—one of only ten IBAs in Sierra Leone (Okoni-Williams et al. 2001). Their altitude varies from c.400 m in the lowlands to 1.945 m at the summit of Mount Bintumani (also called Loma Mansa; 09°13'30"N 11°07'00"W), the highest mountain in West Africa west of Mount Cameroon (Fig. 2). The vegetation comprises Guinea-Congo lowland forest, here near its western limit, with elements of montane evergreen forest up to c.1,700 m (Fig. 3). Tree-ferns occur along watercourses at higher altitudes. On the plateau, most of which lies above 1,200 m, grassland and rocky outcrops are interspersed by strips of gallery forest along the many small streams (Fig. 4). On the slopes of the plateau and at lower altitudes, forest-savanna mosaic occurs (Fig. 5). There

are some villages, cultivated areas and farmbush around the base, mostly at *c*.400–500 m (Figs. 6–8); farming does not normally occur beyond the lower slopes (Okoni-Williams *et al.* 2001). The climate consists of a dry season, extending from November to April, and a wet season, in May–October. Mean annual precipitation is 1,600–2,400 mm, with January typically being the driest month and September the wettest. Temperatures range from 10–33°C, with a cooler and more mesic climate in the highlands than in the surrounding lowlands (Cole 1974, Forestry Division 2012).

The forests of the Loma Mountains are part of the Upper Guinea forest block, which forms the western part of the West African Guinean Forests hotspot, one of the 34 biologically richest and most endangered terrestrial ecoregions in the world (Mittermeier *et al.* 2004). West African forests are rapidly disappearing and the survival

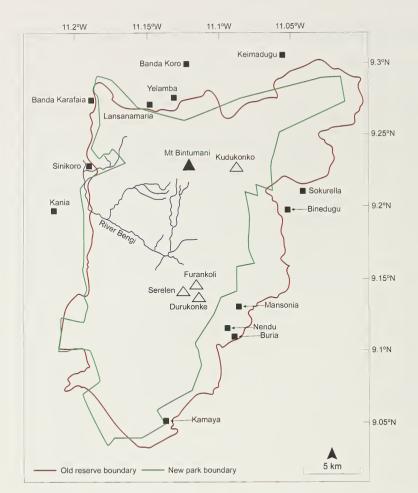


Figure 1. Map of the Loma Mountains indicating the limits of the former non-hunting forest reserve and the national park (from Forestry Division 2012)

Carte des Monts Loma montrant les limites de l'ancienne réserve forestière et du parc national (d'après Forestry Division 2012)

of birds in the Upper Guinea forests is becoming increasingly dependent on ever-fewer, and smaller, areas. Montane ecosystems are especially rare and the Loma Mountains were thought by Sayer et al. (1992) to contain the largest undisturbed tract of such forest remaining in the region, something which remains true. Forty-eight large mammal species have been recorded, among them several listed as Endangered, such as Chimpanzee Pan troglodytes verus, Western Red Colobus Piliocolobus badius, Diana Monkey Cercopithecus d. diana and Pygmy Hippopotamus Hexaprotodon liberiensis. Whilst the Chimpanzee population may be one of the densest in West Africa, most other large mammals occur at relatively low densities. At least 1,576 vascular plant species have been found, belonging to 135 families and 757 genera, some species being endemic to the Loma Mountains (Forestry Division 2012).

The Loma Mountains are in Koinadugu District, Northern Province, Sierra Leone's largest and least populated region. The site, designated a non-hunting forest reserve, covering 33,201 ha, in 1952, was upgraded to a national park in December 2013 (Government of Sierra Leone Gazette Vol. CXLIV, No. 2, 16 May 2014), to offset the environmental impact caused by the building of the Bumbuna dam on the Sele River. A preliminary five-year management plan has been proposed (Forestry Division 2012). Due to inconsistencies in the original boundary description and the fact that some encroachment has occurred along the reserve's edges, it was decided to re-demarcate the protected zone and a new boundary, excluding human settlements, was established in 2010 with support of the World Bank, following natural contour lines, inter-village paths and watercourses. Concrete pillars have been erected along the 97.1 km-long new boundary and the planting of 20,000 trees of Tectona grandis, Mangifera indica and Heritiera utilis to serve as live boundary markers has commenced. As a result





Figure 2. Mount Bintumani, the highest peak of the Loma Mountains, Sierra Leone, February 2008; rising to 1,945 m it is also the highest mountain in West Africa west of Mount Cameroon (Ron Demey)

Le Mont Bintumani, le plus haut sommet des Monts Loma, Sierra Leone, février 2008; avec une hauteur de 1.945 m il s'agit également de la plus haute montagne en Afrique de l'Ouest à l'ouest du Mont Cameroun (Ron Demey)

Figure 3. Evergreen forest along a (dry) watercourse in the highlands, Loma Mountains, Sierra Leone, February 2008 (Ron Demey)

Forêt sempervirente le long d'un cours d'eau (à sec) dans la zone de haute altitude, Monts Loma, Sierra Leone, février 2008 (Ron Demey)

of the re-demarcation, the size of Loma National Park has been reduced to 28,731 ha (Forestry Division 2012; Fig. 1).

The protected area and Mount Bintumani are only accessible on foot via trails from various villages near the boundary. Due to there being no roads within the protected area, while roads to the surrounding villages are poor or non-existent, the relatively low population pressure and the fact that the plateau and most of its slopes are unsuitable for cultivation, habitat-threat levels are currently low (Okoni-Williams *et al.* 2001). However, given that the human population continues to grow,

threats are likely to increase, as local communities are dependent on the park for bushmeat, which provides up to 60% of their protein, and for timber (for construction, firewood and charcoal) (Forestry Division 2012).

The first ornithologist to visit the Loma Mountains was G. L. Bates, who made an extensive tour through Sierra Leone and Guinea in February–August 1930, during which he spent 12 days, on 24 February–7 March, at Banda Karafaia, near the foot of Mount Bintumani in the north-west, at *c.*500–600 m (*cf.* Fig. 1), where he collected 42 species and observed several

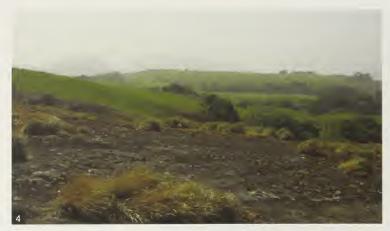




Figure 4. The plateau in the Mount Bintumani environs, with grassland and rocky outcrops interspersed by strips of gallery forest, Loma Mountains, Sierra Leone, February 2008 (Ron Demey)

Le plateau aux environs du Mont Bintumani, avec des prairies de haute altitude et affleurements rocheux entrecoupés de bandes de forêt galerie, Monts Loma, Sierra Leone, février 2008 (Ron Demey)

Figure 5. Forest–savanna mosaic, Loma Mountains, Sierra Leone, February 2008 (Ron Demey)

Mosaïque de forêt–savane, Monts Loma, Sierra Leone, février 2008 (Ron Demey)

others (Bannerman 1931-32, Bates 1931; see Appendix 1). He climbed the mountain on 9 March, having spent the previous day at a camp site at c.900 m, where he collected three species and observed two additional ones; higher up he collected just two more specimens, one of which was the type of Saxicola torquatus nebularum (described in Bates 1930). To the list from Banda Karafaia, a specimen of Narrow-tailed Starling Poeoptera lugubris, secured by G. J. Houghton (who collected birds in Sierra Leone, mostly on the Freetown Peninsula, in February 1911-March 1914), must be added (Bannerman 1932). William Serle visited Mount Bintumani in late November 1942 and again in mid-April 1946, and listed 35 species (including two from Banda Karafaia), of which 21 were new for the site and 22 were substantiated by specimens (Serle 1948-49). R. R. Glanville camped for ten days north of Mount Bintumani at c.900 m on 2-11 January 1951, and climbed the summit on 10th (Glanville

1951). His list contains 59 species (although he mentions recording 62), of which 32 were new and an equal number (not all of them new) were supported by specimens. Geoffrey Field, a long-time resident based in Freetown, visited the mountains for five days in the first week of January 1973 and published some of his records, six of which were new for the site (Field 1973, 1974). The first systematic survey was undertaken by a University of East Anglia team (UEA) in February-April 1992, which recorded 247 species in eight weeks (Atkinson et al. 1996), of which 149 were additions to the site list. Among these, however, four had not previously been found in the country and therefore require proper documentation to be accepted. A. Kortenhoven, a biologist studying ungulates in Loma, observed birds opportunistically in July 2002 and between May 2006 and October 2007. He recorded 101 species (A. Kortenhoven pers. comm.), of which 17 had not been found previously.







Figure 6. Farmbush and forest, Loma Mountains, Sierra Leone, February 2008 (Ron Demey) Formations secondaires postculturales et forêt, Monts Loma, Sierra Leone, février 2008 (Ron Demey)

Figure 7. Cultivation in forest near Sinikoro, Loma Mountains, Sierra Leone, February 2008 (Ron Demey)

Cultures en forêt près de Sinikoro, Monts Loma, Sierra Leone, février 2008 (Ron Demey)

Figure 8. Savanna near Sinikoro, Loma Mountains, Sierra Leone, February 2008 (Ron Demey) Savane près de Sinikoro, Monts Loma, Sierra Leone, février 2008 (Ron Demey)

Here we present the results of 18 days of field work in the Loma Mountains, carried out in the dry season, from 14 February to 2 March 2008, and refer to previous records where relevant. A comprehensive list of the birds recorded in the Loma Mountains is given in Appendix 1.

Study area and Methods

We accessed the area via the village of Sinikoro, located at the north-western limits of the national park (see Fig. 1). Three camps were established. The main camp, hereafter named Camp 1 (09°12'45.10"N 11°08'37.40"W; 14–25 February), was sited next to a small, rocky stream at the forest edge at 1,330 m, just below the plateau. A few paths and transects ran from this camp in various directions; the main path reached the edge of the plateau after *c*.300 m.

Camp 2 (09°13'21.00"N 11°09'28.47"W; 26–28 February) was established along the path to Camp 1 within closed-canopy forest on sloping terrain crossed by small, rocky streams at *c*.770 m. Approximately 100 m below the camp was an area of wooded savanna.

Camp 3 was established at the edge of Sinikoro (09°13'48.50"N 11°11'49.70"W; 29 February–2 March) along the main access road, at 400 m. Patches of closed-canopy forest alternated with more open and degraded areas, farmbush, recently cut clearings, agricultural plots and wooded savanna.

The principal method used during this study consisted of observing birds by walking slowly along tracks and trails, where present, and stopping frequently. Attempts were made to cover as much ground and visit as many habitats as possible.

Mist-netting was carried out on one morning and one afternoon at each of the three locations. Two 6-m nets were set in forest next to small streams for a total of 42 hours (5.04 100-m net-hours).

The weather was usually sunny with daytime temperatures of 18–24°C in the highlands, to more than 30°C in the lowlands; at night, temperatures could be as low as 15°C in both areas. Although the sky was clear on the first two days, it became increasingly hazy thereafter due to the Harmattan, the dry and dusty north-easterly wind from the Sahara, which was particularly strong on some days. It rained only twice: a short, heavy shower at 17.00–17.30 hrs on 25 February and continuous rain at 22.00–06.30 hrs during the night of 28–29 February.

Results

In total, 257 species were recorded by us (see Appendix 1). Of these, four are classified as Vulnerable (Martial Eagle Polemaetus bellicosus, Yellow-casqued Hornbill Ceratogymna elata, Yellow-headed Picathartes Picathartes gymnocephalus and Sierra Leone Prinia Schistolais leontica), seven as Near Threatened (Bateleur Terathopius ecaudatus, Crowned Eagle Stephanoaetus coronatus, Pallid Harrier Circus macrourus, Blue-moustached Bee-eater Merops mentalis, Black-headed Rufous Warbler Bathmocercus cerviniventris, Rufous-winged Illadopsis Illadopsis rufescens and Copper-tailed Glossy Starling Hylopsar cupreocauda), while one is considered Data Deficient (Emerald Starling Lamprotornis iris) (BirdLife International 2014). Rufous Fishing Owl Scotopelia ussheri, classified as Vulnerable and recorded during the 1992 survey (Atkinson et al. 1996), was possibly heard on one occasion.

Among the 13 mist-netted species (Appendix 2), just one—White-bellied Kingfisher *Corythornis leucogaster*—was not recorded otherwise. Fifty-one species had not been recorded previously. Thus, 339 bird species are now known from the site (Appendix 1). These comprise 289 presumed residents, 31 Palearctic migrants and 16 intra-African migrants. Of the remaining three species, two involve a mix of both potentially resident individuals and either Palearctic or intra-African migrants, and the third is an intra-African vagrant.

Species of global conservation concern recorded in 1992 (Atkinson *et al.* 1996) and not observed

in 2008 include Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes* monachus, Brown-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes* cylindricus and Yellow-bearded Greenbul *Criniger* olivaceus.

In total, nine of the 16 restricted-range species, i.e. landbirds with a global breeding range of <50,000 km², whose combined distributions cover the Upper Guinea forests Endemic Bird Area (which extends from Sierra Leone and south-east Guinea to south-west Ghana: Stattersfield et al. 1998, Dowsett-Lemaire & Dowsett 2014) are now known from the site (Appendix 1). The site thus holds an important proportion of Upper Guinea endemics. Of the 168 Guinea-Congo forests biome species recorded in Sierra Leone (Okoni-Williams et al. 2001), 123 (73%), have been found in the Loma Mountains, whilst six (21.5%) of the 28 Sudan-Guinea Savanna biome species also occur (Appendix 1). Note that in the light of recent field work or taxonomic reappraisals, some changes have been made to the lists of restricted-range and biome-restricted species (cf. Dowsett-Lemaire & Dowsett 2014: 75-79).

Notes on selected species

The following notes provide details mainly on the species of conservation concern and some that are noteworthy in West Africa. Sequence and scientific nomenclature generally follow the Howard & Moore Complete Checklist of the Birds of the World (Dickinson & Remsen 2013, Dickinson & Chiristidis 2014). English names are those used in Borrow & Demey (2014). IUCN Red List categories (BirdLife International 2014) are indicated by EN = Endangered; VU = Vulnerable; NT = Near Threatened; DD = Data Deficient.

Bateleur Terathopius ecaudatus NT

Observed just once, flying over the highlands in the environs of Camp 1 at *c.*1,300 m. Serle (1948) saw one at Mount Bintumani on 18 April 1946. An open-country species that may wander widely; considered a vagrant to Sierra Leone (Borrow & Demey 2014, Dowsett *et al.* 2014).

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus* EN Not observed in 2008. Noted as common (daily records) in farmbush by the UEA expedition (Atkinson *et al.* 1996).

Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus* NT Recorded on 12 out of 18 days, at all altitudes. Usually one or a pair displaying above the forest around midday; once four adults together. Not observed by the UEA expedition (Atkinson *et al.* 1996); Glanville (1961) reported one at *c.*900 m.

Martial Eagle Polemaetus bellicosus VU

An adult soaring high above the highlands on 24 February. Mentioned as rare (1–2 records) in February–April 1992 (Atkinson *et al.* 1996).

Pallid Harrier Circus macrourus NT

Observed twice: an immature on 20 February and an adult female on 23 February, both hunting over montane grassland. Serle (1948) observed a single quartering the grasslands at *c.*1,675 m on 22 November 1942 and Glanville (1961) saw an immature, which he believed to be this species, in the same area in January 1951. An uncommon or scarce to locally fairly common Palearctic visitor to West Africa, just reaching northern Sierra Leone.

Rufous Fishing Owl Scotopelia ussheri VU

An owl call, emanating from gallery forest in the highlands just before dawn on 20 February, was possibly of this species. The UEA expedition had seven sightings of probably two individuals along the Benge River (Atkinson *et al.* 1996).

Yellow-casqued Hornbill Ceratogymna elata VU Relatively common in forest at low and mid altitudes (400–800 m), with daily observations of up to six individuals. Also observed daily in 1992 (Atkinson *et al.* 1996). A not uncommon resident in tall forest in eastern Sierra Leone (e.g. Gola Forest), but rare to uncommon and local elsewhere in its fragmented range from south-west Senegal to western Cameroon.

Brown-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes cylindricus* VU

Just one record, on 3 February 1992, of a single in mature secondary forest at low altitudes (Atkinson *et al.* 1996). This Upper Guinea endemic reaches the western limits of its range in Sierra Leone.

Blue-moustached Bee-eater *Merops mentalis* NT Four seen in the Sinikoro area on 2 March. Noted as 'frequent' by the UEA expedition (Atkinson *et al.* 1996). This taxon was previously treated

as a subspecies of Blue-headed Bee-eater *M. muelleri*, but has recently been afforded species rank (BirdLife International 2014).

Lesser Kestrel Falco naumanni

Observed twice in 1992, over montane grassland near Mount Bintumani, at *c*.1,900 m (Atkinson *et al.* 1996). This Palearctic migrant, which is an uncommon to locally fairly common visitor to West Africa, was not encountered in 2008.

Yellow-headed Picathartes Picathartes

gymnocephalus VU

Two singles were encountered in forest at higher altitudes. A large rock within the forest in the vicinity of Camp 2 had a single fresh nest. With the help of local villagers, the UEA expedition found 11 breeding sites, four of them abandoned, each containing 2–3 nests, the majority in very disturbed forest outside the protected area (Atkinson *et al.* 1996).

Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting Fringillaria tahapisi

A nest containing a single, feathered chick was found on 15 February on the highland plateau, below a tuft of dry grass that had survived a bush fire; thereafter the nest was checked daily from a distance and was found empty on 24 February. The species was very common in rocky grassland at high altitudes, with daily sightings of up to 15; also observed in wooded savanna at *c.*700 m. Reported by all previous observers; Serle (1949) found it in November 1942, but not on his second visit in mid-April 1946, suggesting the species may spend the rainy season elsewhere.

Ortolan Bunting Emberiza hortulana

One at the edge of gallery forest at c.1,600 m on 17 February. Field (1973) found the species to be common in January 1973 on the steep south-east face of Mount Bintumani, at c.1,640-1,820 m; he tentatively estimated that up to 50 may have been present. A generally rare Palearctic winter visitor to West Africa, but locally fairly common in a few uplands (Borrow & Demey 2014).

Rufous-naped Lark Mirafra africana

Singles were observed on five days in highland grassland; one was displaying on 17 February. Reported as 'rare' by the UEA expedition

(Atkinson *et al.* 1996). West of Nigeria, the species is represented by the subspecies *henrici*, which is very local and has been recorded only on Mount Nimba and at a handful of sites in Sierra Leone and Guinea

Sierra Leone Prinia Schistolais leontica VU

Three family groups of 3–4 individuals were observed in bracken and shrubbery at forest edge, at c.1,300-1,400 m, in the environs of Camp 1. The species was also recorded in 1992, when three groups of 3–4 birds were seen in high-altitude gallery forest (Atkinson *et al.* 1996). This Upper Guinea endemic is uncommon to rare and extremely local, from Guinea to extreme western Côte d'Ivoire.

Black-headed Rufous Warbler Bathmocercus cerviniventris NT

Two pairs and three males were found in dense vegetation in moist areas and near a small stream at the forest edge in the environs of Sinikoro. All were singing; the pairs duetting. This Upper Guinea endemic has a fragmented range and is generally rare to uncommon and very local.

Yellow-bearded Greenbul *Criniger olivaceus* VU Not observed in 2008. An adult and a recently fledged juvenile were trapped in lowland forest on 30 March 1992 and a further five sightings were obtained during the UEA expedition (Atkinson *et al.* 1996).

Baumann's Greenbul Phyllastrephus baumanni

Three individuals were found: in low, dense shrubbery at the forest edge (adjacent to a Sierra Leone Prinia territory) and in thick, bushy vegetation just inside rather open forest at 1,300–1,400 m, and in farmbush at *c*.400 m. They were located by their song, which was uttered only occasionally and most often in the early morning, when it was more sustained, but also, albeit very briefly, later in the day, including late afternoon. This species' status has changed from Near Threatened (Collar *et al.* 1994) and Data Deficient (BirdLife International 2000, 2004) to Least Concern due to increased knowledge (Dowsett-Lemaire *et al.* 2011, BirdLife International 2014).

Rufous-winged Illadopsis *Illadopsis rufescens* NT Fairly common, with 1–3 singing individuals recorded in forest almost daily, at all altitudes. Also recorded as 'frequent' in lowland and gallery forest by the UEA expedition (Atkinson *et al.* 1996). Bates secured a specimen at Banda Karafaia (Bannerman 1932), Serle (1949) collected two males at *c.*760 m and *c.*1,220 m, respectively, and Glanville (1961) a male at *c.*915 m.

Emerald Starling Lamprotornis iris DD

Observed in wooded savanna at 400 m on two days: four individuals on 1 March and a group of nine the next day. Bates obtained a specimen at Banda Karafaia (Bannerman 1932).

Copper-tailed Glossy Starling Hylopsar

cupreocauda NT

Uncommon, with only 1–3 individuals per day in the lowlands, at *c*.400 m. This Upper Guinea endemic reaches the north-western limits of its range at Loma.

Common Rock Thrush Monticola saxatilis

Observed on 20 February (one) and 25 February (two), at the edge of gallery forest on the rocky plateau at *c*.1,600 m. Also reported by Field (1973) in similar habitat and on the slopes of Mount Bintumani, and by A. Kortenhoven (pers. comm.). A rare to scarce Palearctic winter visitor to West Africa (Borrow & Demey 2014).

Blue Rock Thrush Monticola solitarius

Field (1973) observed the species on several occasions on the rocky south-east face of Mount Bintumani, from *c.*1,640 m to the summit, in January 1973, with five individuals on one morning. A patchily distributed, rare to scarce Palearctic winter visitor to West Africa, favouring rocky habitats (Borrow & Demey 2014).

Grey Ground Thrush Geokichla princei

One foraging in leaf litter along a forest stream in the highlands was observed for *c*.15 minutes on 22 February. Reported as 'rare' in lowland forest by the UEA expedition (Atkinson *et al.* 1996). These are the westernmost records of this extremely shy and rarely observed forest species.

Species whose presence is doubtful or requires confirmation

The following four species listed by the UEA expedition (Atkinson *et al.* 1996) had not previously been found in Sierra Leone and would therefore need proper documentation, lacking in the report, to be accepted.

Brown Nightjar Veles binotatus

One reportedly seen at 20.00 hrs 'hawking and sitting on lianas over Benge River near lowland base camp on 18 April 1992'. Although the habitat is suitable and the record may well be correct, Black-shouldered Nightjar *Caprimulgus* (pectoralis) nigriscapularis, not listed in the report yet recorded in 2008, cannot be eliminated. Brown Nightjar has since been documented in Gola Forest (Lindsell et al. 2008) and Tiwai Island (Klop et al. 2010, N. Borrow in Bull. ABC 15: 275)—the westernmost records to date.

Chestnut-bellied Starling Lamprotornis pulcher One seen 'high in trees on forested slopes c.2 km north-east of lowland base camp on 7 March 1992'. The presence of this Sahel species is highly unlikely. Confusion with Emerald Starling, not listed in the report and whose distinctive coloration can be surprisingly hard to distinguish in certain lights (RD pers. obs.), cannot be eliminated.

Familiar Chat Oenanthe familiaris Black-rumped Waxbill Estrilda troglodytes

Both observed in grassland below Bintumani peak on 9 April 1992, the former on boulders. These would be interesting records, as they are quite distant from the nearest sites where the species are known to occur, in Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire. The habitat appears suitable for both.

Discussion

The total of 339 bird species now known to occur in the Loma Mountains is remarkably high, representing more than 50% of the species documented for Sierra Leone (cf. Dowsett et al. 2014). Although all major habitats have been surveyed, this total is likely to further increase with additional survey work conducted at different seasons. Moreover, 15 species of global conservation concern occur—one Endangered, seven Vulnerable and seven Near Threatened—

i.e. almost half of those known in the country (BirdLife International 2014). Among these, the charismatic Yellow-headed Picathartes and the rare and little-known Rufous Fishing Owl are especially noteworthy. Moreover, highlands are a very rare habitat in West Africa and support particular bird species, such as Sierra Leone Prinia. which is very local in its restricted range and known from only one other site in Sierra Leone, the Tingi Hills (Okoni-Williams et al. 2001). Most Palearctic migrants were encountered at higher altitudes, an observation also made by the UEA expedition (Atkinson et al. 1996); Loma appears to be an important wintering and passage area for some species, e.g. Common House Martin Delichon urbicum, Tree Pipit Anthus trivialis, Willow Warbler Phylloscopus trochilus, Garden Warbler Sylvia borin, Blackcap S. atricapilla and Pied Flycatcher Ficedula hypoleuca. Also worthy of note is the presence of Common and Blue Rock Thrushes and Ortolan Bunting, which are rare to uncommon and local winter visitors in West Africa. The number of restricted-range species is also significant: nine of the 16 restricted-range species, and 123, or 73%, of the 168 Guinea-Congo Forests biome species recorded in Sierra Leone. The fact that Loma still harbours relatively large tracts of undisturbed habitat, which is rare elsewhere in West Africa, further highlights its importance for the conservation of biodiversity. Its recent upgrading to national park combined with its relatively remote location and difficulty of access gives cause for hope that it may survive the ongoing onslaught on natural habitats throughout the region.

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Appendix 1. Bird species recorded in the Loma Mountains. Sierra Leone.

Sequence and scientific nomenclature generally follow the *Howard & Moore Complete Checklist of the Birds of the World* (=H&M4; Dickinson & Remsen 2013, Dickinson & Christidis 2014). Amendments include placing Black Dwarf Hornbill and White-crested Hornbill in *Horizocerus*, following a recent study (Gonzalez *et al.* 2013a,b), and the barbets in Lybiidae, following del Hoyo & Collar (2014). Specific names within parentheses indicate that the form in question is treated as a subspecies in H&M4; thus *Caprimulgus* (*pectoralis*) *nigriscapularis* is considered to be a race of *C. pectoralis*. If different, scientific names used in Borrow & Demey (2014) are mentioned in square brackets. Enalish names are those used in Borrow & Demey (2014).

2008 Survey: Species recorded during the survey of 14 February-2 March 2008; 1 = at >1,100 m, 2 = 700-800 m, 3 = c.400 m.

Kortenhoven: Species recorded by A. Kortenhoven (pers. comm.) in July 2002 and May 2006–October 2007.

1992 Survey: Species recorded by the University of East Anglia expedition, February-April 1992 (Atkinson et al. 1996).

Field 1973: Species recorded by G. Field in early January 1973 (Field 1973, 1974).

Glany, 1951; Species recorded by R. R. Glanville on 2–11 January 1951 (Glanville 1961); *= specimen, (x) = probable record.

Serle 1942/46: Species recorded by W. Serle in late November 1942 and mid-April 1946 (Serle 1948-49): * = specimen.

Bates 1930: Species recorded by G. L. Bates on 24 February–9 March 1930 (Bannerman 1931–32, Bates 1931); * = specimen, (x) = probable record; x*+ = specimen collected by G. J. Houghton.

Status (Borrow & Demey 2001, 2014; Dowsett et al. 2014): R = Resident; PM = Palearctic migrant; AM = Intra-African migrant / AMb: breeding in Sierra Leone confirmed; AV = African vagrant.

IUCN Red List category (BirdLife International 2014); EN = Endangered; VU = Vulnerable; NT = Near Threatened; DD = Data Deficient.

Rest, Range (= Restricted Range); UGF = Restricted to the Upper Guinea forest Endemic Bird Area (Stattersfield et al. 1998, Dowsett-Lemaire & Dowsett 2014).

Biome: GCF = Restricted to the Guinea-Congo Forests biome: SGS = Restricted to the Sudan-Guinea Savanna biome.

Habitat: Fo = Primary and secondary forest; Fg = Gallery forest and forest patches in savanna; Fe = Forest edges; Gr = Montane grassland with rocky outcrops; Sa = Wooded savanna; Cf = Cultivated areas, large clearings and farmbush; Ao = Aerial and flying overhead; Aq = Aquatic habitats (streams and ponds).

Annexe 1. Espèces d'oiseaux observées dans les Monts Loma, Sierra Leone.

L'ordre et la nomenclature scientifique suivent en général Howard & Moore Complete Checklist of the Birds of the World (=H&M4; Dickinson & Remsen 2013, Dickinson & Christidis 2014). Les amendements comprennent le placement du Calao de Hartlaub et du Calao à huppe blanche dans Horizocerus, suivant une étude récente (Gonzalez et al. 2013a,b), et les barbus dans Lybiidae, suivant del Hoyo & Collar (2014). Les noms scientifiques entre parenthèses indiquent que la forme en question est traitée comme une sous-espèce par H&M4; ainsi Caprimulgus (pectoralis) nigriscapularis est considéré comme une sous-espèce de C. pectoralis. Dans les cas où les noms scientifiques utilisés dans Borrow & Demey (2014) diffèrent, ces derniers sont mentionnés entre crochets. Les noms anglais sont ceux utilisés dans Borrow & Demey (2014).

2008 Inventaire: Espèces recensées pendant l'inventaire du 14 février-2 mars 2008 : 1 = à >1.100 m. 2 = 700-800 m. 3 = à environ 400 m.

Kortenhoven: Espèces recensées par A. Kortenhoven (comm. pers.) en juillet 2002 et mai 2006-octobre 2007.

1992 Inventaire: Espèces recensées pendant l'inventaire de l'expédition de l'Université de East Anglia, en février-avril 1992 (Atkinson et al. 1996).

Field 1973: Espèces recensées par G. Field au début janvier 1973 (Field 1973, 1974).

Glanv. 1951: Espèces recensées par R. R. Glanville, 2–11 janvier 1951 (Glanville 1961); * = spécimen, (x) = observation probable.

Serle 1942/46: Espèces recensées par W. Serle fin novembre 1942 et mi-avril 1946 (Serle 1948-49); * = spécimen.

Bates 1930 : Espèces recensées par G. L. Bates, 24 février-9 mars 1930 (Bannerman 1931–32, Bates 1931) ; * = spécimen, (x) = observation probable ; x*+ = spécimen collecté par G. J. Houghton.

Statut (Borrow & Demey 2001, 2014; Dowsett et al. 2014): R = Résident; PM = Migrateur paléarctique; AM = Migrateur intra-africain / AMb: nidification en Sierra Leone confirmée; AV = Occasionnel africain.

Catégorie de la Liste Rouge UICN (BirdLife International 2014) : EN = Menacé d'extinction ; VU = Vulnérable ; NT = Quasi menacé ; DD = Insuffisamment connu.

Rest. Range (= Restricted Range): UGF = Confiné à la Zone d'Endémisme d'Oiseaux de la forêt de Haute Guinée (Stattersfield et al. 1998, Dowsett-Lemaire & Dowsett 2014).

Biome : GCF = Confiné au biome des forêts guinéo-congolaises ; SGS = Confiné au biome de la savane soudano-guinéenne.

Habitat : Fo = Forêt primaire et secondaire ; Fg = Forêt galerie et îlots de forêt en savane ; Fe = Lisières ; Gr = Prairies de haute altitude avec affleurements rocheux ; Sa = Savane boisée ; Cf = Zones cultivées, grandes clairières et broussailles ; Ao = Dans les airs et survolant le site ; Aq = Habitats aquatiques (cours d'eau et mares).

		2008 Survey	Kortenhoven	1992 Survey	Field 1972	Glanv. 1951	Serle 1942/46	Bates 1930	Status	IUCN	Rest. Range	Biome	Habitat
ANATIDAE													
Hartlaub's Duck	Pteronetta hartlaubii		Χ	Χ					R			GCF	Aq
NUMIDIDAE	7 (0.07) (1.07)												. 14
Crested Guineafowl	Guttera pucherani		Χ	Х		Χ			R				Fo
ODONTOPHORIDAE	,												
Stone Partridge	Ptilopachus petrosus	1		Х		Х			R				Gr, Cf
PHASIANIDAE	, ,												
Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix	1							PM				Gr
Blue Quail	Synoicus adansonii		Χ						R				Gr
Double-spurred Francolin	Pternistis bicalcaratus	3	Χ	Χ					R				Sa
Ahanta Francolin	Pternistis ahantensis	1	χ					χ	R			GCF	Fe
Latham's Forest Francolin	Peliperdix lathami	2,3		Х		Χ*			R			GCF	Fo
COLUMBIDAE													
Western Bronze-naped Pigeon	Columba iriditorques	1,2,3		Х		Х		(x)	R			GCF	Fo
Lemon Dove	Aplopelia larvata	3							R				Fo
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	3		Х				Χ	R				Cf
Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis	3							R				Sa
African Green Pigeon	Treron calvus	1,2,3		Х		Х			R				Fo, Fg
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur afer	1,2,3		Х		Х		χ	R				Cf, Sa
Tambourine Dove	Turtur tympanistria	1,2,3		Х		Х			R				Fo, Fe
Blue-headed Wood Dove	Turtur brehmeri	1,2,3		Х		Χ*			R			GCF	Fo
CAPRIMULGIDAE													
Black-shouldered Nightjar	Caprimulgus (pectoralis) nigriscapularis	1							R				Fe
Plain Nightjar	Caprimulgus inornatus	1							R				Gr
Freckled Nightjar	Caprimulgus tristigma	1		Х					R				Gr
Long-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus climacurus	1		Χ					R				Gr
Standard-winged Nightjar	Caprimulgus longipennis	1,3		X					AMb				Gr
APODIDAE													
Sabine's Spinetail	Rhaphidura sabini	2,3		Χ				(x)	R			GCF	Fo
Cassin's Spinetail	Neafrapus cassini			Χ					R			GCF	Fo
African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus			Χ					R				Cf
Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba	1							PM				Ao
Mottled Swift	Tachymarptis aequatorialis	1							R				Ao
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer			Х					R				Ao
Little Swift	Apus affinis			Χ					R				Ao
African Black Swift	Apus barbatus	1							R				Ao
Common Swift	Apus apus	1?		Χ		(x)			PM				Ao
CUCULIDAE													
Black-throated Coucal	Centropus leucogaster	3							R			GCF	Fo
Senegal Coucal	Centropus senegalensis	1,3	Χ	Χ		Χ			R				Cf, Sa
Yellowbill	Ceuthmochares aereus	1.2,3 -		Χ					R				Fo
Levaillant's Cuckoo	Clamator levaillantii	1,3							AMb				Cf, Fg
Yellow-throated Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx flavigularis			Χ					R			GCF	Fo
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas	1,2,3	Х	Х					AMb				Cf, Fe

		2008 Survey	Kortenhoven	1992 Survey	Field 1972	Glanv. 1951	Serle 1942/46	Bates 1930	Status	IUCN	Rest. Range	Biome	Habitat
African Emerald Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx cupreus	1,2,3	X	х	iΞ	<u>5</u>	တ္တ	X X	ಕೆ R	⊇	æ	ä	£ Fo
Didric Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius	3	X	Х				χ.	AMb				Cf
Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo	Cercococcyx mechowi	1,2,3	^	X				Х*	R			GCF	Fo
Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo	Cercococcyx olivinus	1,2,0		X				^	R			GCF	Fo
Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius	1,2,3		X					AM			GCF	Fo
Black Cuckoo	Cuculus clamosus	1,2,3		Х					AM				Fo
RALLIDAE	Ouculus clatifosus			۸					AW				FU
Nkulengu Rail	Himantomis haematopus					χ*			R				
Grey-throated Rail	Canirallus oculeus			Χ		^			R			GCF	Fo
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus		Х	^					R			GGI	Aq
SAROTHRURIDAE	<i>Gaiiinuia Спотори</i> з		^						IX				Λq
White-spotted Flufftail	Sarothrura pulchra	3							R			GCF	Cf, Aq
Buff-spotted Flufftail	Sarothrura elegans	J	Х						R			GUF	OI, Aq
Red-chested Flufftail	Sarothrura elegans Sarothrura rufa		٨	Х					R				Cf
HELIORNITHIDAE	Salvilliura ruia			^					IX				Ci
African Finfoot	Podica senegalensis			Χ					R				Fo, Aq
MUSOPHAGIDAE	i oulda seriegalerisis			^					IX				10, 14
Great Blue Turaco	Corythaeola cristata	1,3	v	Χ		Х	v		R				Fo, Fg
Green Turaco	Tauraco persa	1,2,3	X	Х		X	X	Х*	R			GCF	Fo, Fg
CICONIIDAE	rauraco persa	1,2,3	^	^		^	Α	^	IX			GOI	ro, ry
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus			V					R				Cf, Fe
	Ciconia episcopus			Х					К				OI, FE
SCOPIDAE Hamerkop	Coopus umbrotto		v	٧					R				Sa
·	Scopus umbretta		Х	Х					I.				Sa
ARDEIDAE	Tigriornia lougolopha			v					R			GCF	Fo
White-crested Tiger Heron Green-backed Heron	Tigriornis leucolopha Butorides striata			X					R			GUF	
				X					R/PM				Aq
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta			Х					R/PIVI				Aq
BURHINIDAE Senegal Thick know	Purhinus sonogolonois			v					В				Cf
Senegal Thick-knee	Burhinus senegalensis			Х					R				Ci
SCOLOPACIDAE	A - PP - Lowellows								DM				۸
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos			Х					PM				Aq
ACCIPITRIDAE	Dami's salvania	•							DM				٨٠
European Honey Buzzard	Pernis apivorus	3		X					PM				Ao
African Harrier Hawk	Polyboroides typus	1,2,3	Х	Х		Х			R				Fo
Palm-nut Vulture	Gypohierax angolensis	1,2,3	Х	Х		Х		Х	R	AIT			Ao
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus	1					Х		AV	NT			Ao
Hooded Vulture	Necrosyrtes monachus			X				Х	R	EN			Cf
Bat Hawk	Macheiramphus alcinus	400	Х	Х					R	AIT			Fo
Crowned Eagle	Stephanoaetus coronatus	1,2,3				Х			R	NT			Ao, Fo
Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus	1	Х	Х					R	VU			Ao, Sa
Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis	1,3	Х						R				Ao, Cf
African Hawk Eagle	Aquila spilogaster			Х					R				Gr
Cassin's Hawk Eagle	Aquila africana	3		Х		Х*			R				Fo
Wahlberg's Eagle	Hieraaetus wahlbergi	3							AM				Sa
Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus	1							PM				Ao

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Ayres's Eagle	Hieraaetus ayresii		Х						R				Fo
Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus	3		Х					R				Sa
Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	1		Х					PM				Gr
Pallid Harrier	Circus macrourus	1				(x)	Х		PM	NT			Gr
African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro	1,2,3		Х					R				Fo
Black Sparrowhawk	Accipiter melanoleucus	3	Χ	Х					R				Cf
Long-tailed Hawk	Urotriorchis macrourus			Х					R			GCF	Fo
Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus migrans parasitus			Х				Х	AMb				Cf
Red-necked Buzzard	Buteo auguralis	1.2,3	Χ	Х					R				Ao
STRIGIDAE													
African Wood Owl	Strix woodfordii	1,3		Х					R				Fo, Fe
Greyish Eagle Owl	Bubo (africanus) cinerascens			Х					R				Sa
Fraser's Eagle Owl	Bubo poensis	1,2							R				Fo
Verreaux's Eagle Owl	Bubo lacteus	3							R				Cf
Akun Eagle Owl	Bubo leucostictus			Х					R			GCF	Fg
Rufous Fishing Owl	Scotopelia ussheri	1?		Х					R	VU	UGF	GCF	Fo, Aq
TROGONIDAE													
Narina's Trogon	Apaloderma narina	1,2,3		Χ		Χ			R				Fo, Fg
BUCEROTIDAE													
African Pied Hornbill	Tockus fasciatus	3	Х	Χ		Χ		χ*	R			GCF	Fo, Cf, Fe
Black Dwarf Hornbill	Horizocerus hartlaubi		Χ	Х					R			GCF	Fo
White-crested Hornbill	Horizocerus albocristatus		Χ	Х			Χ		R			GCF	Fo
Black-casqued Hornbill	Ceratogymna atrata			Х					R			GCF	Fo
Yellow-casqued Hornbill	Ceratogymna elata	1,2,3		Х		χ		Χ	R	VU		GCF	Fo
Piping Hornbill	Bycanistes fistulator	3	Χ					(x)	R			GCF	Fo
Brown-cheeked Hornbill	Bycanistes cylindricus			Х					R	VU	UGF	GCF	Fo
Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill	Bycanistes subcylindricus	2,3							R			GCF	Fo
INDICATORIDAE				-									
Thick-billed Honeyguide	Indicator (minor) conirostris	1,2,3		Х					R				Fo
Spotted Honeyguide	Indicator maculatus	1		Х				χ*	R			GCF	Fo
Lyre-tailed Honeyguide	Melichneutes robustus			Х					R			GCF	Fo
PICIDAE													
Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	1							PM				Fg
Little Green Woodpecker	Campethera maculosa	3	Χ						R				Fo, Fe
Buff-spotted Woodpecker	Campethera nivosa	2,3	Х	Х				Χ*	R			GCF	Fo
Brown-eared Woodpecker	Campethera caroli	1				X*			R			GCF	Fo
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens	3		Х					R				Sa
Melancholy Woodpecker	Dendropicos (gabonensis) lugubris	1.2,3	Х	Χ				X*	R			GCF	Fo. Cf
Fire-bellied Woodpecker	Chloropicus pyrrhogaster	1.2,3		Χ		Χ [*]			R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Grey Woodpecker	Mesopicos goertae	3							R				Sa
Brown-backed Woodpecker	Ipophilus obsoletus		- Х						R				Sa
LYBIIDAE													
Yellow-spotted Barbet	Buccanodon duchaillui	2,3		Χ					R			GCF	Fo
Naked-faced Barbet	Gymnobucco calvus	1.2,3	Х	Х		Χ*			R			GCF	Fo, Fe, Cf

		2008 Survey	Kortenhoven	1992 Survey	Field 1972	Glanv. 1951	Serle 1942/46	Bates 1930	Status	IUCN	Rest. Range	Biome	Habitat
Speckled Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus scolopaceus	1,2,3	×	χ 5	Œ	5	S,	ä	<mark>హ</mark> R	2	æ	≅ GCF	Fo, Fe, Fg
Red-rumped Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus atroflavus	1,2,3	^	X			χ*		R			GCF	Fo
Yellow-throated Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus subsulphureus	1,2,3		X			^		R			GCF	Fo
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus bilineatus	1,2,3	Х	X		Х*			R			001	Fg, Sa
Vieillot's Barbet	Lybius vieilloti	3	^	^		^			R				Sa
Double-toothed Barbet	Pogonornis bidentatus	1	Х	Х					R				Fg
Yellow-billed Barbet	Trachylaemus purpuratus	1.3	^	^					R			GCF	Fo, Fe
MEROPIDAE	rracitylaetilus purpuratus	1.0							IX			GOI	10,16
White-throated Bee-eater	Merops albicollis	2,3	Х	Х		Χ			AM				Ao, Sa, Cf
European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster	2,3	X	^		^ Х*			PM				Sa, Ci
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus	1,2,3	X	Х		^	х*	Х	R				Gr, Sa
Black Bee-eater	Merops gularis	1,2,3	X	X			^	^	R			GCF	Fo, Fg, Fe
Blue-moustached Bee-eater	Merops mentalis	3	^						R	NT		GCF	Fo
CORACIIDAE	werops memans	3		Х					N	INT		GUF	ΓU
Rufous-crowned Roller	Coracias naevius		v						AM				Sa
Blue-throated Roller	Eurystomus gularis	3	Х	v					R			GCF	Cf, Fe
Broad-billed Roller	Eurystomus glaucurus	3		X					AMb			GCI	Cf, Fe
	Eurysiomus giaucurus	J		Х					AIVID				CI, FE
ALCEDINIDAE	lanidina lacantai			v			v*		R			GCF	Fo
African Dwarf Kingfisher	Ispidina lecontei	2		X			X*		R/AMb			GUF	Cf
African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ispidina picta	3	Х	X								GCF	
White-bellied Kingfisher	Corythomis leucogaster	2		X					R			GUF	Fo, Aq
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus	4	.,	X					R				Aq Fa Aa
Shining-blue Kingfisher	Alcedo quadribrachys	1	Х	Х					R				Fo, Aq
Giant Kingfisher	Megaceryle maxima	0.0	Х	Х					R			005	Aq
Chocolate-backed Kingfisher	Halcyon badia	2,3		Х					R			GCF	Fo
Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halcyon leucocephala	1,2,3	Χ	Х				Χ*	AMb				Sa, Cf
Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti	4.0						Χ*	R				F- 0-
Blue-breasted Kingfisher	Halcyon malimbica	1,3		Х					R				Fg, Sa
Woodland Kingfisher	Halcyon senegalensis			Х					R				Cf
FALCONIDAE	-,								514				0
Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni			Х					PM				Gr
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1		Х			Х		R				Ao
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus		Х						R				Ao
(Fox Kestrel?)	Falco sp. (alopex?)					Х		Х					
CALYPTOMENIDAE									_				_
African Broadbill	Smithornis capensis	1	Χ	Х					R				Fo
Rufous-sided Broadbill	Smithornis rufolateralis	2							R			GCF	Fo
broadbill sp.	Smithornis sp.							Х					
CAMPEPHAGIDAE									_				_
Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike	Campephaga phoenicea	1	Χ	Х	Х				R -				Fo
Purple-throated Cuckooshrike	Campephaga quiscalina	1		Х		Χ*			R				Fo
ORIOLIDAE Wastern Black headed Oriole	Oriolus brook whenshus	4.0	V	v		V		х*	R			GCF	Fo
Western Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus brachyrhynchus	1,2	Х	X		Х		X	R			GCF	Fo, Fe, Fg
Black-winged Oriole	Oriolus nigripennis	1,2,3		Х					Γ			GUF	10,16,19

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PLATYSTEIRIDAE		72	ž	₩.	正	9	Š	ω.	Ñ	2	œ	20	±
Senegal Batis	Batis senegalensis			Χ				χ*	R				Cf
Chestnut Wattle-eye	Dyaphorophyia castanea	1,2		X				^	R			GCF	Fo
Red-cheeked Wattle-eye	Dyaphorophyia blissetti	1,2,3	Χ	X				χ*	R			GCF	Fo, Fe, Cf
Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye	Dyaphorophyia concreta	1	χ	Х		χ*	χ*	^	R			001	Fo, Fe
Common Wattle-eye	Platysteira cyanea	1,2	X	Х	Χ	χ*	^		R				Fg, Fe, Cf
VANGIDAE	r railyotoma oyamoa	.,	^	^	^	^			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				1 9, 1 0, 01
Red-billed Helmetshrike	Prionops caniceps	1,2	Χ	χ					R			GCF	Fo
Shrike Flycatcher	Megabyas flammulatus	1,2,3	Χ	χ				Χ*	R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Black-and-white Flycatcher	Bias musicus	3				Χ			R				Cf
MALACONOTIDAE													
Fiery-breasted Bush-shrike	Malaconotus cruentus	1,3		Χ					R			GCF	Fo
Grey-headed Bush-shrike	Malaconotus blanchoti		Χ						R				Fg
Many-coloured Bush-shrike	Chlorophoneus multicolor	1,2,3							R			GCF	Fo, Fg
Sulphur-breasted Bush-shrike	Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus	, , , -	Χ						R				Sa
Northern Puffback	Dryoscopus gambensis	1,2,3	Χ	Χ				χ*	R				Fg
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis	1,3							R				Cf, Fe
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus	3		Х					R				Sa
Sooty Boubou	Laniarius leucorhynchus	1		Χ					R			GCF	Fe
Tropical Boubou	Laniarius aethiopicus major	1		Χ				χ*	R				Fg
DICRURIDAE													
Square-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus Iudwigii	1,2,3	Χ	Χ		χ*	Χ*	χ*	R				Fg, Fe
Shining Drongo	Dicrurus atripennis	2		Χ					R			GCF	Fo
Velvet-mantled Drongo	Dicrurus modestus	3		Χ					R				Cf
LANIIDAE													
Northern Fiscal (Common Fiscal)	Lanius humeralis [L. collaris]	3	Χ	Χ					R				Cf
Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator	1							PM				Gr
CORVIDAE													
Pied Crow	Corvus albus			Χ					R				Cf
MONARCHIDAE													
Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher	Trochocercus nitens	1,2,3		Χ					R			GCF	Fo
African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis	1	Χ	Χ		Χ*	Χ*	Χ*	R				Fg, Fe
Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone rufiventer	1,2,3		Χ		Χ*		Χ*	R			GCF	Fo, Fe
EUPETIDAE													
Yellow-headed Picathartes	Picathartes gymnocephalus	1,2	Χ	Χ					R	VU	UGF	GCF	Fo
NECTARINIDAE													
Fraser's Sunbird	Deleornis fraseri	2,3		Χ			Χ* -		R			GCF	Fo
Green Sunbird	Anthreptes rectirostris	2,3							R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris [Anthodiaeta collaris]	1,3	Χ	Χ					R				Cf, Fe
Green-headed Sunbird	Cyanomitra verticalis	1		Χ					R				Fe
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	Cyanomitra cyanolaema	2,3							R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea	1,2,3		Χ					R				Fo, Fg
Buff-throated Sunbird	Chalcomitra adelberti	3							R			GCF	Cf
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis	3							R				Sa

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Olive-bellied Sunbird	Cinnyris chloropygius	1,3		Х					R				Cf, Fe
Splendid Sunbird	Cinnyris coccinigastrus							χ*	R				
Johanna's Sunbird	Cinnyris johannae	3							R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Superb Sunbird	Cinnyris superbus			Х					R			GCF	Fe
Variable Sunbird	Cinnyris venustus	1,2,3	Χ	Х		Х*			R				Fg, Cf, Sa
Copper Sunbird	Cinnyris cupreus	3		Х					R				Sa
PLOCEIDAE													
Grosbeak Weaver	Amblyospiza albifrons		Χ	Х					R				Cf
Red-headed Quelea	Quelea erythrops	2							AMb				Sa
Yellow-crowned Bishop	Euplectes afer	3							R				Cf
Red-collared Widowbird	Euplectes ardens	1	χ				Х		R				Gr
Black-winged Bishop	Euplectes hordeaceus	2,3	Χ				Х		R				Sa
Yellow-mantled Widowbird	Euplectes macroura		Χ						R				Cf
Black-necked Weaver	Ploceus nigricollis	1,3		Χ	Х			χ*	R				Fg, Fe, Cf
Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus	3		Χ					R				Cf
Vieillot's Black Weaver	Ploceus nigerrimus	1,3	χ	Χ					R			GCF	Cf, Sa
Yellow-mantled Weaver	Ploceus tricolor	1							R			GCF	Fo
Compact Weaver	Ploceus superciliosus	3						х*	R				Sa
Preuss's Weaver	Ploceus preussi	1	Χ	Χ					R			GCF	Fe
Red-vented Malimbe	Malimbus scutatus	3		Χ					R			GCF	Fe, Cf
Blue-billed Malimbe	Malimbus nitens	1,3		Χ				х*	R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Red-headed Malimbe	Malimbus rubricollis	1,2,3		Х					R			GCF	Fo, Fe, Cf
Crested Malimbe	Malimbus malimbicus	1	Χ	Χ		Х			R			GCF	Fo
ESTRILDIDAE													
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala			Х					R				Cf
Blue-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta rubricata	3		Х					R				Sa
Yellow-winged Pytilia	Pytilia hypogrammica	1							R			SGS	Sa
Dybowski's Twinspot	Euschistospiza dybowskii	1	Χ	Χ					R			SGS	Sa
Western Bluebill	Spermophaga haematina	3		Χ				Х*	R			GCF	Fe
Orange-cheeked Waxbill	Estrilda melpoda	3							R				Sa
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild	1,3		Χ		х*			R				Sa
Green Twinspot	Mandingoa nitidula			Χ			х*		R				Fe
Grey-headed Oliveback	Nesocharis capistrata			Χ					R			SGS	Cf
Chestnut-breasted Negrofinch	Nigrita bicolor	3							R			GCF	Fe
Grey-headed Negrofinch	Nigrita canicapillus	1,2,3		Χ					R				Fo, Fe, Cf
Bronze Mannikin	Spermestes cucullata			Χ					R				Sa
Black-and-white Mannikin	Spermestes bicolor	2,3		Χ					R				Cf, Fe
VIDUIDAE													
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura			Χ					R				Sa, Cf
indigobird sp.	Vidua sp.					Χ*			R				
MOTACILLIDAE													
Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis	1,2,3		χ¹	Χ	Χ*		Χ*	PM				Gr, Sa, Cf
Plain-backed Pipit	Anthus leucophrys			Χ					R				Gr
Long-billed Pipit	Anthus similis	1	Χ	Χ	Х		Х*		R				Gr
Yellow-throated Longclaw	Macronyx croceus			Х					R				Cf

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Mountain Wagtail	Motacilla clara	1		χ			χ	χ*	R				Fo
Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava	3		Х				χ*	PM				Cf
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp			Х					R				Cf
FRINGILLIDAE													
Yellow-fronted Canary	Crithagra mozambica	1,3		Χ					R				Sa
EMBERIZIDAE													
Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting	Fringillaria [Emberiza] tahapisi	1,2		Χ	Х	Χ	Х	χ*	R				Gr
Ortolan Bunting	Emberiza hortulana	1			Х				PM				Gr
HYLIOTIDAE													
Violet-backed Hyliota	Hyliota violacea			Χ					R			GCF	Fo
STENOSTIRIDAE													
Dusky Crested Flycatcher	Elminia nigromitrata			Χ					R			GCF	Fo, Fg
African Blue Flycatcher	Elminia longicauda	1	Χ	Χ	Χ				R				Fg
PARIDAE													
White-shouldered Black Tit	Melaniparus [Parus] guineensis							Χ*	R				
Dusky Tit	Melaniparus [Parus] funereus			Χ					R			GCF	Fo
NICATORIDAE													
Western Nicator	Nicator chloris	1,3	Χ	Χ					R			GCF	Fo, Fe
ALAUDIDAE													
Rufous-naped Lark	Mirafra africana	1		Χ					R				Gr
MACROSPHENIDAE													
Green Crombec	Sylvietta virens	1,3	Χ	Χ					R			GCF	Cf, Fe
Lemon-bellied Crombec	Sylvietta denti	1,2,3		Χ					R			GCF	Fo, Fe
African Moustached Warbler	Melocichla mentalis	1,3				X*			R				Sa
Kemp's Longbill	Macrosphenus kempi	1,2,3							R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Grey Longbill	Macrosphenus concolor	1,2,3		Χ					R			GCF	Fo, Fe
CISTICOLIDAE													
Senegal Eremomela	Eremomela pusilla	2,3		,					R			SGS	Sa
Rufous-crowned Erememela	Eremomela badiceps	1,2,3		Χ			Χ*		R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Sierra Leone Prinia	Schistolais leontica	1	Χ	Χ					R	VU	UGF	GCF	Fe
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida	1		Χ	Χ				R				Fg
Black-capped Apalis	Apalis nigriceps	1,2,3		Χ					R			GCF	Fo
Sharpe's Apalis	Apalis sharpii	1,2,3		Χ					R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Grey-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brachyura	1,2,3	Χ	Χ				Х*	R				Cf, Fe
Yellow-browed Camaroptera	Camaroptera superciliaris	3	Χ	Χ					R			GCF	Fe
Olive-green Camaroptera	Camaroptera chloronota	1,2,3		Χ					R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Oriole Warbler	Hypergerus atriceps			Х					R			SGS	Fe
Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops	3						Х	R				Sa. Cf
Singing Cisticola	Cisticola cantans	3		Х					R				Sa
Whistling Cisticola	Cisticola lateralis	2,3						Χ*	R				Sa, Cf
Rock-loving Cisticola	Cisticola aberrans	1,2		Χ			Х*		R				Gr
Croaking Cisticola	Cisticola natalensis	0		Χ					R				Gr
Short-winged Cisticola	Cisticola brachypterus	3							R				Sa, Gr
Black-backed Cisticola	Cisticola eximius	1							R	MT	LICE	005	Gr Cf. Fa
Black-headed Rufous Warbler	Bathmocercus cerviniventris	3							R	NT	UGF	GCF	Cf, Fe

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Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava	2,3	χ						R				Sa, Cf
Red-winged Warbler	Prinia erythroptera [Heliolais erythropterus]	3	Х						R				Sa
LOCUSTELLIDAE													
Broad-tailed Warbler	Schoenicola brevirostris		Χ			Χ*			R				Gr
ACROCEPHALIDAE													
Melodious Warbler	Hippolais polyglotta	1,2,3		Χ					PM				Fg, Cf
Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus	3							PM				Cf
European Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus	3							PM				Cf
HIRUNDINIDAE													
Square-tailed Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne nitens	2,3	Х	Χ			Χ*		R			GCF	Ao
Fanti Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne obscura	1,2,3		Χ		Χ		х*	R				Ao
Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	1		Χ					PM				Ao
Preuss's Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon preussi	1,2							R				Ao
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica	1,2,3		Χ					R				Ao
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica domicella	1,2,3		Χ		Χ			AMb				Ao
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica			Χ					PM				Ao
Red-chested Swallow	Hirundo lucida	1							R				Gr
Rock Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula		Χ	Χ					R				Gr
Common Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	1,2		Χ					PM				Ao
PYCNONOTIDAE													
Slender-billed Greenbul	Stelgidillas gracilirostris	1,2,3	Χ			Χ*			R				Fo, Fe, Fg
Red-tailed Bristlebill	Bleda syndactylus	1,2,3		Χ					R			GCF	Fo
Grey-headed Bristlebill	Bleda canicapillus	1,2,3	Х						R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Yellow-throated Leaflove	Atimastillas flavicollis	1	Х						R				Fg
Swamp Palm Bulbul	Thescelocichla leucopleura	3	Χ	Χ					R			GCF	Cf, Fe
Honeyguide Greenbul	Baeopogon indicator	1,2,3		Х				Χ	R			GCF	Fo, Fg
Simple Leaflove	Chlorocichla simplex	1,2,3	Χ						R			GCF	Cf, Fe
Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	Eurillas latirostris	1,2,3		Χ					R				Fo, Fg
Little Greenbul	Eurillas virens	1,2,3	Χ	Χ				Χ*	R				Cf, Fe
Little Grey Greenbul	Eurillas gracilis	3		Χ		Χ*			R			GCF	Fe
Ansorge's Greenbul	Eurillas ansorgei	1,2,3		Χ				,	R			GCF	Fo
Cameroon Sombre Greenbul	Eurillas curvirostris	3							R			GCF	Fo
Western Bearded Greenbul	Criniger barbatus	1,2,3		Χ			X*	x *	R			GCF	Fo
Red-tailed Greenbul	Criniger calurus	1,2,3		Χ					R			GCF	Fo
Yellow-bearded Greenbul	Criniger olivaceus			Χ					R	VU	UGF	GCF	Fo
Icterine Greenbul	Phyllastrephus icterinus	1	Χ	Χ			Χ*		R			GCF	Fo
White-throated Greenbul	Phyllastrephus albigularis			Χ					R			GCF	Fo, Fg
Baumann's Greenbul	Phyllastrephus baumanni	1,3							R			GCF	Fe, Cf
Leaflove	Phyllastrephus scandens	1,2,3	Χ	Χ		х*		χ*	R			GCF	Fg, Fo
Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus	1,2,3		Χ		Χ*	Χ	Χ*	R				Cf, Sa, Fe
PHYLLOSCOPIDAE				ı									
Wood Warbler	Rhadina [Phylloscopus] sibilatrix	1,2	Х	Χ					PM				Fe
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	1,2,3		Χ				Χ*	PM				Sa, Fe

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INCERTAE SEDIS													
Green Hylia	Hylia prasina	1,2,3		Χ		Χ		Χ	R			GCF	Fo, Fe, Fg
Tit-hylia	Pholidomis rushiae	1							R			GCF	Fo, Fe
SYLVIIDAE													
Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	1,2,3	Χ	Χ			X*	X*	PM				Fg, Fe, Cf
Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin	1,3		Х			χ*		PM				Fe
ZOSTEROPIDAE													
Yellow White-eye	Zosterops senegalensis	1,2,3	Х	Χ	Χ		Χ*	Χ	R				Fe, Fg, Cf
PELLORNEIDAE													
Brown Illadopsis	Illadopsis fulvescens	1,2,3		Х					R			GCF	Fe
Pale-breasted Illadopsis	Illadopsis rufipennis	2		Х				X*	R				Fo
Blackcap Illadopsis	Illadopsis cleaveri	1,2,3		Х					R			GCF	Fo
Puvel's Illadopsis	Illadopsis puveli	1,2,3		Х					R			GCF	Fg, Fe
Rufous-winged Illadopsis	Illadopsis rufescens	1,2,3		Х		х*	χ*	χ*	R	NT	UGF	GCF	Fo
LEIOTRICHIDAE	,												
Capuchin Babbler	Phyllanthus atripennis	1	Х	Χ		Χ*			R			GCF	Fe, Cf
Brown Babbler	Turdoides pledejus	1							R				Fe
SITTIDAE	, , , , ,												
African Spotted Creeper	Salpomis salvadori [S. spi- lonotus]							χ*	R				
STURNIDAE													
Forest Chestnut-winged Starling	Onychognathus fulgidus	3		Χ					R			GCF	Fo
Narrow-tailed Starling	Poeoptera lugubris							χ* +	R				
Splendid Glossy Starling	Lamprotornis splendidus	3		Χ					AMb				Fe, Cf
Emerald Starling	Lamprotomis iris	3						X*	R	DD		SGS	Sa
Violet-backed Starling	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster	1,3	Х	Χ				Χ*	AMb				Sa
Copper-tailed Glossy Starling	Hylopsar cupreocauda	3		Х					R	NT	UGF	GCF	Fo, Fe
MUSCICAPIDAE				,									
Muscicapinae													
White-tailed Alethe	Alethe diademata	1,2,3	Χ	Х			χ*	X*	R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Forest Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucosticta	1,2,3		Х					R				Fo
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata			Х					PM				Fg
Ashy Flycatcher	Muscicapa caerulescens	3				х*			R				Fe
Cassin's Flycatcher	Muscicapa cassini		Х	Х					R			GCF	Fo
Little Grey Flycatcher	Muscicapa epulata	1		Х					R			GCF	Fo
Dusky-blue Flycatcher	Muscicapa comitata	3		Х					R			GCF	Cf
Ussher's Flycatcher	Muscicapa ussheri	1		Χ					R		UGF	GCF	Fe, Fo
White-browed Forest Flycatcher	Fraseria cinerascens			Χ					R			GCF	Fo
Northern Black Flycatcher	Melaenomis edolioides	2							R				Fg
Cossyphinae													3
Snowy-crowned Robin Chat	Cossypha niveicapilla	1							R				Fo, Fg
Blue-shouldered Robin Chat	Cossypha cyanocampter			Χ					R				Cf, Fe
Brown-chested Alethe	Chamaetylas poliocephala	1,2		Х			Χ	χ*	R				Fo, Fe
Lowland Akalat	Sheppardia cyornithopsis	1,2		Х		χ*	χ*		R			GCF	Fo, Fe
Grey-winged Akalat	Sheppardia polioptera	1,2,3	Χ	Х		х*	χ*		R				Fo, Fg
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Forest Robin	Stiphrornis erythrothorax	1,2,3		Х				Х*	R			GCF	Fo
Saxicolinae													
Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	1,3							PM				Cf, Fe
Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca	1,2,3		Х		Χ*		Χ	PM				Fg, Sa
Common Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis	1	Χ		Х				PM				Gr
Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius				Х				PM				Gr
Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra	1,3	Χ	Χ				Х	PM				Gr, Cf, Sa
African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus	1	Χ	Χ		Χ*	X*	Χ*	R				Gr
TURDIDAE													
White-tailed Ant Thrush	Neocossyphus poensis	2,3		Х				Χ*	R			GCF	Fo
Finsch's Flycatcher Thrush	Stizorhina (fraseri) finschi	1,2,3		Х				Χ*	R			GCF	Fo
Grey Ground Thrush	Geokichla princei	1		Х					R			GCF	Fo
African Thrush	Turdus pelios	1,2,3	Χ	Χ		Χ	X		R				Fg, Fe
Totals		257	101	243	12	59	35	68		16	9	GCF= 123	
					339							SGS=6	

Appendix 2. Bird species mist-netted in the Loma Mountains, Sierra Leone, 14 February–2 March 2008.

Annexe 2. Espèces d'oiseaux capturées dans des filets japonais dans les Monts Loma, Sierra Leone, 14 février-2 mars 2008.

	Species			Altitude	
	•		1,300 m	750 m	400 m
1	White-bellied Kingfisher	Corythornis leucogaster		1	
2	Chocolate-backed Kingfisher	Halcyon badia		1	
3	Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone rufiventer	2		
4	Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea		1	1
5	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis	2		
6	Red-tailed Bristlebill	Bleda syndactylus		1	
7	Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	Eurillas latirostris	1	2	1
8	Little Greenbul	Eurillas virens		2	1
9	White-tailed Alethe	Alethe diademata		1	2
10	Brown-chested Alethe	Chamaetylas poliocephala		3	
11	Lowland Akalat	Sheppardia cyornithopsis		1	
12	Forest Robin	Stiphrornis erythrothorax			1
13	Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca		1	
	Totals		5	14	6